

Information for Release

1/20/2012

Date of the notification to CPS: 8/23/2011

Near Fatality

The date the child suffered the near fatality: 8/23/2011

Child's name: Isaiah

Age at time of incident: 22 Months

Perpetrator(s): Ashley Stewart

Age: 26

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and perpetrator were living in Phoenix.

A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On and about August 23, 2011, Ashley Stewart, caretaker, abused Isaiah he was in her care; he sustained a subdural hematoma, an abrasion and multiple bruise injuries in different stages of healing.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

CPS has not received any prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Isaiah by Ashley.

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

CPS jointly investigated the allegations with the Phoenix Police Department.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following a safety assessment, a sibling was removed from the perpetrator's home and placed into CPS custody. Isaiah and his siblings were later placed in the care of a relative.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

Intensive out-of-home services, including supervised visitation, counseling, psychological evaluation and case management, were provided to the children and family. Services were completed successfully and the case was closed on Dec. 5, 2011.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).